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PATENT APPLICATION  
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Under 37 C.F.R. 1.53(b)

Attorney Docket No:	PD-980183
First Named Inventor:	Jonathon Hutchings
Title:	A System And Method For Providing A Timing Reference For Data Transmissions In A Satellite-Based Communications Network
Customer No:	20991

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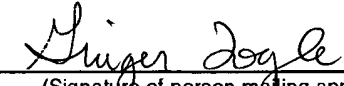
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